GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
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REVIVAL OF INDIAN FOLK ARTS
DUKHA BHAGAT

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to the indifferent attitude of the Government, most of Indian traditional folk cultures are disappearing;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to formulate any concrete policy to revive the Indian folk arts;

(c) whether due to fall in the number of tourists on account of terrorism, the folk artists of India are on the verge of starvation; and

(d) if so, the measures being taken to give incentive to the artists?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Department of Culture, Government of India supports traditional folk arts through seven Zonal Cultural Centres.The Department of Culture also has a Scheme for promotion and dissemination of tribal/folk art and culture. Under this scheme financial assistance is provided to voluntary organisations and individuals engaged in the preservation and promotion of tribal/folk art. This scheme covers the entire country.

(c)&(d): There has been some decline in foreign tourist arrivals. However, no report has been received about folk artists being on the verge of starvation due to fall in the number tourists.